

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1378  
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Kim McMillan on her meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kim McMillan's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2006 Session of the 104th General Assembly, as she has announced her retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished attorney, Representative McMillan has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic circles of Clarksville and Montgomery County; she has served her constituents in numerous capacities by always working diligently at her elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 15, 1961, Representative Kim McMillan graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee in 1983, and in 1987, earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she served as executive editor of the *Tennessee Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1994, the good people of House District 67 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Kim McMillan by electing her as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which she has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during her six terms in the House of Representatives, Representative McMillan has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes her conscience; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished and recognized leader among her fellow members, she quickly rose through the ranks of leadership, serving as the Assistant Majority Whip and Secretary of the Judiciary Committee from 1996-1998 and then as the Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committee from 1998-2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Kim McMillan became the first woman in Tennessee history to be elected to the position of House Majority Leader, and she has ably served in that prestigious office during both the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies while carrying the accompanying responsibility of stewarding the Governor's entire legislative agenda through the House, including the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, among the many bills that she has passed, Majority Leader Kim McMillan sponsored legislation that protected victims of crime and domestic violence, promoted education and workforce development, created job opportunities, and supported innovative health-care opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Leader McMillan has been especially vigilant in the area of openness and accountability in state government, serving on the conference committees that wrote the Campaign Finance Reform Bill and the recent Ethics Bill; since 2003, she has sponsored several of Governor Bredesen's initiatives, including the Pre-K program, the Sex Offender Registry, and the Anti-Meth legislation; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process, Leader McMillan has earned the respect and admiration of her House colleagues over the years for the outstanding contributions she has made as a member of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Education Committee, the Children and Family Affairs Committee, the Calendar and Rules Committee, the Delayed Bills Committee, and the Government Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Leader McMillan has displayed invaluable wisdom as a member of the Budget Subcommittee, the K-12 Subcommittee, the Criminal Practice Subcommittee, the Civil

Practice and Procedure Subcommittee, the Constitutional Protections Subcommittee, the Child Custody, Divorce and Child Support Committee, and the Domestic Relations Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, especially selected for her keen insight and thoughtful consideration of the issue, Leader McMillan has served on the Study Committee on School Violence, the Child Care Study Committee, the Special Study Committee on Implementation of the Death Penalty, the Special Committee to Study Governmental Tort Liability Limits, and as chair of the Ad-hoc Study Committee on Adoption; and

WHEREAS, Chairperson of both the Ethics Committee and the Rules Committee, Leader McMillan has also served as an exemplary member of the House Joint Management Committee, the Joint Worker's Compensation Committee, the Joint Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation Committee, the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and the Tennessee Court Information Systems Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kim McMillan is an active and important part of her community who participates in numerous worthy organizations, including the Clarksville Civitan's Club, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council, and PALS of D.A.R.E; and

WHEREAS, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Clarksville Area YMCA, Workforce Essentials, Inc., the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown District Partnership, and Cumberland Bank and Trust; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Clarksville and member of the board of Leadership Middle Tennessee, Representative McMillan is a member of the Montgomery County Federation of Democratic Women and the National Women's Political Caucus; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected attorney with the firm of Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry, Kim McMillan is a member of both the Tennessee and Montgomery County Bar Associations and a board member of the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Kim McMillan is thankful for the love and support of her husband Larry, and is the very proud mother of two wonderful children, Katie and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Representative McMillan's announcement of her retirement from the General Assembly saddens her fellow members, Democrats and Republicans alike; her considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 67; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Kim McMillan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Kim McMillan on her meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend her for her countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Clarksville and Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Kim McMillan our best wishes for much success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Kim McMillan as a token of our esteem.